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SUBJECT: Mission conveys talking points re Iraqi sanctions and the President's speech on the Middle East

Refs: (A) State 122033

- (B) State 122029

[1](#)1. (U) Classified by Lewis Amselem, Deputy Chief of Mission. Reasons 1.5 (b, d)

[1](#)2. (C) Per Ref A, Mission has conveyed the urgent talking points re the lifting of sanctions on Iraq to the governments of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives. Per Ref B, Mission also conveyed points re President Bush's May 9 speech on the situation in the Middle East.

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